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Letter of Interest

June 10, 2016

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Board of Health meeting this week. On behalf of Partnership Community Health Center patients and staff, I am honored to be a possible representative to the board.

For over 10 years, I have worked at the health center and currently hold the position of the Executive Director. Previously my professional experience was in emergency room nursing. As a result, I have grown to understand the impact of poor health outcomes and the role that the community can play in addresses them. Although I am not a resident of Menasha, PCHC's work focuses on caring for many residents of the city. Our medical and behavioral health services are located at the Goodwill Campus in Menasha. Dental services are located in Appleton and Oshkosh.

The health care needs of the changing demographics, individuals and families living in poverty and growing Latino population is a priority for our organization. I believe that my participation on the Board would allow for more collaborative work and relationship building with the city and its high need residents. My areas of interest are around integration of medical and behavioral health, increased access to dental care for vulnerable population and enrollment in health insurance. Focusing on these areas will allow for school success, employability, improved individual health outcomes and create a healthier community.

A little bit about myself I originally attended Fox Valley Technical College after high school and graduated from the Farm Operations program and ran a dairy farm with my husband's family for 25 years. I also worked many minimum wage jobs for additional income when farming could not provide for my family. Due to the inability to acquire affordable health insurance I returned to college for a degree in nursing while working as Nursing Assistant to provide health insurance for my family. I graduated with honors in 1999. I understand the challenges of those living in rural communities, as well as living on a limited income, which lead me to my current position at Partnership Community Health Center. I have 7 adult children that live throughout the State and enjoy spending time with my dogs and fishing our beautiful Wisconsin lakes in the summer.

Thank you again for consideration to the Board. I look forward to working together as we address the key public health issues facing the City of Menasha.

Sincerely,

Kristene Stacker
Executive Director

Partnership Community Health Center